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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Larry Larkin et al.

Appln. No.: 10/652,896

Filed: August 29, 2003

For: FILTRATION MEDIA CREATED BY
SONIC WELDING

Examiner: Robert J. Popovics

Art Unit: 1724

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
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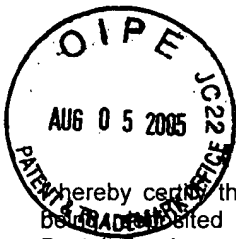
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, please consider
the following election and remarks.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-5. This election is
made with traverse.

First, it is noted that claims 7 and 23-24 include the limitations of claim 1 noted in the Office Action as not being found in claim 6. Thus, the logic as to why claims 6-12 and 22-25 are restricted from claim 1 does not apply to claims 7 and 23-24. Claims 7 and 23-24 should thus be examined with the Group I claims.

Second, the rationale for the restriction between Groups I and III is based on the argument that the product claims can be made by a materially different process than the sonic welding required in claim 13, namely heat fusion welding. However, it is noted that claim 1 requires that the layer of felt and woven screen be held together by a sonic weld. While claim 1 is a product claim, it includes a product-by-process limitation. As such, the product requires that it be made by the process of sonic welding. Hence, the product of claim 1 is made using a sonic welding step, and the method claim 13 does not claim a materially different process. The Group III claims should thus be examined with the Group I claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated August 1, 2005

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